THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 93.

TUESDAY, 20TH AUGUST, 1963.

- 1. The House met, at half-past two o'clock p.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
- 2. Petitions.—Petitions from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government (1) support the United Nations resolution for a Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, (2) ensure that foreign bases are not permitted on Australian soil and (3) in response to the call of the United Nations, declare Australia's willingness to enter into an agreement not to manufacture, test, station or acquire nuclear weapons were presented by Mr. Drury and Mr. Barnes.

Petitions severally received.

Mr. D. J. Cameron presented a Petition from certain electors of the Commonwealth praying that the Government ease the financial position of age, invalid and widow pensioners by providing (1) a pension rate equivalent to half the basic wage and subject to future basic wage adjustments and (2) an allocation of additional finance to enable the State Housing Commission to build low rental houses and units for pensioners and elderly people.

Petition received.

Mr. Einfeld presented a Petition from certain citizens of the Commonwealth praying that the Government remove section 127, and the words discriminating against aborigines in section 51, of the Commonwealth Constitution, by the holding of a referendum at an early date.

Petition received.

- 3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
- 4. Papers.—The following Paper was presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—Australian Meat Board—Interim Annual Report, for year 1962-63.

The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—

Cattle and Beef Research Act—Australian Cattle and Beef Research Committee—Third Annual Report, for year 1962-63.

5. WINE OVERSEAS MARKETING BILL 1963.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry), pursuant to notice, presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Wine Overseas Marketing Act 1929-1961.

Bill read a first time.

Mr. Adermann moved, That the Bill be now read a second time.

- Debate adjourned (Mr. Pollard), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.
- 6. International Organizations (Privileges and Immunities), International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Agreements, and World Health Organization Bills 1963.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bills be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed —Bills read a second time.

Leave granted for third readings to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs), the Bills were together read a third time.

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7. SALES TAX (EXEMPTIONS AND CLASSIFICATIONS) BILL 1963.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time-Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Roberton (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

8. Sales Tax Assessment Bill (No. 5) 1963.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time-

Debate resumed.

Question—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

Leave granted for third reading to be moved forthwith.

On the motion of Mr. Roberton (Minister for Social Services), the Bill was read a third time.

9. Appropriation Bill 1963-64—Budget Debate.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr. Calwell (Leader of the Opposition) who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "That" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"while approving of such benefits as are contained in the Budget, and particularly those for primary producers and social service beneficiaries, the House condemns the Government for its failure to make adequate provision for defence, education, housing, health, social services and northern development. House is also of the opinion that the Government's failure to provide for full employment and for increases in the rate of child endowment which has remained stationary in respect of the second and subsequent children since 1948 is wrong and unjust. For all the foregoing reasons the House is of the opinion that the Government no longer possesses its confidence or the confidence of the nation' Debate continued.

Debate adjourned (Mr. Reynolds), and the resumption of the debate made an Order of the Day for the next sitting.

10. Adjournment.—Mr. Adermann (Minister for Primary Industry) moved, That the House do now adjourn. Mr. Bryant rising to address the House-

Closure.—Mr. Adermann moved, That the question be now put.

Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.

And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

And then the House, at seven minutes past eleven o'clock p.m., adjourned until to-morrow at half-past two o'clock p.m.

PAPERS.—The following Papers were deemed to have been presented on the 20th August, 1963, pursuant to statute

Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinances—1963—

No. 46—Freehold Titles 1962. No. 61—Public Service (No. 2) 1962.

Papua and New Guinea Act-Ordinances-1963-

No. 1—Customs Tariff. No. 2—Appropriation (No. 2) 1962–63.

No. 3—Navigation (Papua).

No. 4—Vagrancy (Papua). No. 5—Land Titles Commission 1962.

No. 6-Land 1962.

No. 8—New Guinea Land Titles Restoration 1962. No. 9—Real Property (Registration of Leases) 1962.

No. 10—Lands Registration (Communally Owned Land) 1962.

No. 11—Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) (No. 2) 1962.

No. 12—Native Land Registration Ordinance (Repeal) 1962.

No. 13—Ordinances Interpretation (No. 2) 1962.

No. 14—Papua and New Guinea Electricity Commission 1962.

Public Service Act—Appointment—Department of Civil Aviation—W. M. Maclachlan.

Public Service Arbitration Act—Public Service Arbitrator—Determinations—1963—Nos. 34 and 35-Amalgamated Postal Workers' Union of Australia.

Seat of Government (Administration) Act—Regulations—1963—No. 5 (Public Health Ordinance).

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Clay, Mr. Duthie and Mr. Kearney.

A. G. TURNER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.